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Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on 22 July 2005 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The election of species c), Figures 4 & 8, is noted. However, applicant's listing of claims includes claims to other species. Namely, claims 14, 15 & 17, which require "applying a preload..." appear to read on a non-elected species a), Figures 1-2, and do not appear readable on the elected species. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).
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